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SUBJ: SECURITY SURVEY TEAM

REFS: NASSAU 998, NASSAU 976; STATE 135246, STATE 133669

1. ON JULY 23, 1973 I SAW EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ADDERLEY TO SEEK INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARAS 2(H) AND 4(A) OF STATE 135246.

2. TODAY, JULY 25, I GOT A PRETTY VAGUE REPLY WHICH DOESN'T OFFER OUR TEAM MUCH GUIDANCE. ADDERLEY REFERRED TO THE EQUIPMENT LIST WHICH WE RECEIVED FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY (NASSAU 746) BUT WITHOUT PRESSING FOR OR ESPOUSING IT. HE THEN SAID THAT OUR REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT OF THE ROLES OR TASKS TO BE PERFORMED BY BAHAMIAN SECURITY FORCES WAS A HARD ONE TO ANSWER. IN THE COURSE OF FAIRLY GENERAL COMMENT, HE TOUCHED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- SECURITY SURVEILLANCE;  
- THE PROBLEM OF INTRUSION INTO BAHAMIAN WATERS BY FISHERMEN AND SMUGGLERS;

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- THE PROBLEM OF SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS AMONG THE SCATTERED

ISLANDS, FOR WHICH HELICOPTERS WOULD BE NEEDED TO AIRLIFT  
DETACHMENTS OF POLICE;  
- MEDICAL SERVICES AND EVACUATION AMONG THE ISLANDS; AND  
- RESCUE SERVICES.

3. IN AN EFFORT TO TRY TO FOCUS THE DISCUSSION, I EXPLAINED  
THAT EXPERT OPERATIONS ANALYSTS COULD EXAMINE THE SITUATION  
AND TRY TO DETERMINE WHAT MIX OF LARGE AND SMALL VESSELS,  
AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS, FORWARD BASES, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.  
WOULD BEST DO THE JOB AT THE OPTIMUM COST. HOWEVER, IT WAS  
IMPORTANT TO SPELL OUT THE JOB TO BE DONE. OTHERWISE THE RE-  
SULT COULD BE A LOT OF EXPENSIVE HARDWARE THAT WOULD BE COSTLY  
TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN, BUT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY MEET THE  
REQUIREMENTS. AFTER SOME BACK AND FORTH, ADDERLEY FELT THIS  
SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE EXPERTS ON BOTH SIDES TO FORMULATE.

4. EFFORTS TO ELICIT THE NAMES OF CONTACTS WERE NOT MUCH  
MORE SUCCESSFUL. WE AGREED THAT ONCE THE TEAM TOUCHED BASE  
AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE WAS THE  
OBVIOUS NEXT CONTACT.

5. THE MINISTER CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT OUR SUR-  
VEY TEAM COULD BE FIELDDED SOON.

6. COMMENT: IN ORDER TO MOVE THINGS ALONG WITHOUT DELAY, I  
SUGGEST THAT THE TEAM LEADER COME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MEET  
WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND TRY TO WORK OUT THE "TASK  
ORDER" AND LIST OF CONTACTS. ON THIS BASIS, THE TEAM CAN BE  
FORMED AND FIELDDED.  
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